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Cleaning house

Senior Airman Brandon Taft, left, and Staff Sgt. Brett Kemp, both from the 506th's Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, unload an Iraqi High Explosive Incendiary bomb, the last of the buried munitions that have been removed from the ground munitions storage area. More than 3.5 million pounds of explosives have been removed, including more than 1,800 bombs.

Kirkuk invests money back in to country

By Maj. Roger Lawson

506th Air Expeditionary Group Public Affairs

As the country of Iraq struggles to establish a solid foundation for self-government, Air Force members here at Kirkuk Air Base are lending a hand through a program that may be unprecedented in the service's 56-year history.

Since July, the 506th Air Expeditionary Group has reinvested more than \$300,000 of captured Iraqi money

back into the local community through the Commander's Emergency Response Program.

Formerly known as the Brigade Commanders' Discretionary Fund, the CERP is funded through seized Iraqi assets and gives Army brigade and division commanders the ability to reestablish and rebuild the social and material infrastructure in Iraq, said Capt. Pete Jeyaram, 506th AEG Staff Judge Advocate.

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Sacrifice: a matter of perspective

By Master Sgt. Jeff Wepner
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Sacrifice is a word I often hear bandied about during discussions of serving in the military, and rightly so.

Each of us makes individual sacrifices to serve in the greatest Air Force in the world; many heroes have made the ultimate sacrifice serving our nation. However, my deployment as part of the 'AEF Blue' rotation has reinforced my perspective on sacrifice, and I would like to share that perspective with you.

If I had to list all the "sacrifices" I am making due to this deployment, I would come up empty. In fact, I would put forth to you that I have the easy part, working with outstanding professionals focused on accomplishing a critical mission. That commonality forges a strong bond here and helps us focus on the tasks at hand. It also provides us a great avenue for self-satisfaction and sense of accomplishment as we move forward together. Those tangible and intangible aspects of my deployment make it "easy." So if I have the easy part, who has the hard part? Let me give you a couple quick examples.

Imagine a wonderful, supportive wife who did not have her husband by her side for her birthday, and may not have him by her side for their 20th wedding anniversary. That wife, also

the mother of three beautiful teenage daughters, now single-handedly bears the daunting task of maintaining a sense of normalcy in an increasingly chaotic world.

Those daughters also keep a mental scorecard: two missed birthdays and one missed high school graduation due to another TDY already scheduled for next year. Mother and daughters alike already have their fingers crossed for Thanksgiving and Christmas this year.

Are my examples unique? Hardly. As Air Force members, we all share similar experiences with the burdens we place on our families. What makes them unique is that they are my family and I can never repay them for the unwavering support and motivation they provide on a daily basis.

The examples I listed above are only the proverbial tip of the iceberg; for the last 18 years my family has proudly played a key role in all my Air Force successes and continue to stand tall and do their part to help freedom flourish.

To all my fellow military members and their families, a big thank you for the sacrifices you make and the crucial support you provide upholding the principles we cherish and fostering hope and the promise of freedom around the world.

Avoiding "tunnel vision syndrome"

By Staff Sgt. Marc Barnes
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When I deployed last year, I told my son, Jonathan, he would be the man of the house.

Shortly after deploying, my wife told me Jonathan had been disobedient, and asked him to stand in the corner. Jonathan asked, "Does the man of the house have to do that?"

After chuckling, she gave my son a reminder about his responsibilities; responsibilities forgotten while being the "man of the house."

Most of us have responsibilities we enjoy more than others, and it is easy to experience "tunnel vision syndrome" as we focus on what we enjoy and put off the responsibilities that don't appeal to us.

When you can, tackle the "undesirables" first.

Don't assume your "annoying" responsibilities aren't important, and finish the job.

Finally, if "tunnel vision syndrome" is your weakness, focus on some preventative measures.

My son did a great job while I was gone, just like most of us do on things we enjoy.

But it's easier to be the man of the house when you don't have to stand in the corner.

(SSgt. Barnes is stationed at Kadena Air Base, Japan)



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Building the future

Left, local contractors from the 77 Construction Company pour the foundation of the first new modular dormitory, located near the base exchange. Above, contractors use a leveling machine to smooth out the concrete after being poured. In all, 13 new modular dormitories will be built to house more than 1,500 Kirkuk residents. All the dorms are scheduled to be completed by the end of November.

News briefs

Sports Day

The monthly Sports Day will take place today. The awards ceremony will be held at 4:15 p.m. at the base swimming pool. A barbecue will follow the ceremony.

Volleyball	8 a.m.
Softball	8 a.m.
Horseshoes	9 a.m.
3-on-3 basketball	10 a.m.
4x100 Relay	11 a.m.
100-yard dash	noon
Tug-of-War	1 p.m.
Obstacle course	2 p.m.
Swim Relay	2:30 p.m.
Boat Race	3:30 p.m.

Combat Dining-In photos

Photos from the recent Combat Dining-In are now available on the Kirkuk Intranet. The photos for down-

load are located under the 'miscellaneous' section of the bulletin board.

Special seminars

Professional development seminars are being held now through the beginning of November. The following is a list of upcoming classes:

Oct. 8 – Effective bullet writing

Oct. 15 – Enlisted evaluation system and effective counseling

Oct. 22 – Time management

Oct. 29 – Training and 623 documentation

Nov. 5 – Enforcing standards

All classes will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. in the clam shell.

Assignment preferences

People can now update their assignment preferences, 'dream sheet,'

online. People should go to the Intranet bulletin and open the 'assignment preferences' page under group announcements. For more information, call PERSCO at 460-0626.

Morale calls

There are morale phones available in the Cyber Café in Tent City. People are allowed one 15-minute morale call per week. People who need to talk more than 15 minutes or at times other than posted, must get permission from their first sergeant.

Football pick'ems

The Cantina offers a chance for people to show their football expertise during the weekly football pick'ems contest.

Score sheets are available online, at the Cantina and fitness centers.

A dirty job

Master Sgt. Herman Kremkau from the 506th Expeditionary Civil Engineering Squadron, hoses down an air conditioner unit in Tent City. Kremkau and the rest of the HVAC team clean more than 300 air conditioners every other week to ensure base residents have a cool environment to sleep in.



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Mark Getsy

Money

(from page 1)

Although the Army typically uses the program, the 506th AEG commander learned from Central Command that it was also permissible for the Air Force to use the funds for local projects, added Jeyaram.

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Capt. Alex Basco, 506th AEG contracting officer.

Initial projects include the equipping of Iraqi police stations and hospitals, the purchase of computers and equipment for several area schools and the renovation of a local government radio and television station in Kirkuk. In addition, plans are being considered for restoration and repair of two neglected cemeteries and a mosque located on Kirkuk.

"The future of this country ultimately lies in its ability to establish a stable, self-sufficient government. We're using the CERP funds to channel money from the previous regime back into reconstruction efforts that will hopefully help the new government get on its feet", said Col. Jim Callahan, 506th AEG commander. "From what we've been told, this is a first for the Air Force and I'm proud of what we're doing for the people of Kirkuk."

Medal recognizes deployed troops

(AFPN) -- Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche has approved award of the Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon to recognize servicemembers' support of air expeditionary force deployments.

The ribbon is awarded to active-duty, Reserve and Guard members who completed a contingency deployment after Oct. 1, 1999.

To qualify for the award, individuals must have deployed for 45 consecutive days or 90 nonconsecutive days.

Permanent-party people overseas are not eligible for the ribbon, unless they are forward-deployed on a contingency deployment. Those on an overseas short tour may receive both the ribbon and the Overseas Short Tour Ribbon, providing they meet the requirements for both, he said.

Understanding the meaning of Ramadan

(Editor's Note: The following information on Ramadan was provided by <http://islam.about.com>)

What is Ramadan?

Ramadam is a monthly celebration of fasting and time of prayer. It's the time for inner reflection, devotion to God and self-control. For many, it's a method of spiritual self-purification, but has many meanings to many people.

The third "pillar" or religious obligation of Islam, fasting has many special benefits. It is considered a means of learning self-control. Due to the lack of preoccupation with the satisfaction of bodily appetites during the daylight hours of fasting, a measure of ascendancy is given to one's spiritual nature, which becomes a means of coming closer to God.

Ramadan is also a time of worship, reading of the Koran, giving charity, purifying one's behavior and doing good deeds. For Muslims, Ramadan is an opportunity to gain by giving up, to prosper by going without and to grow stronger by enduring weakness. Fasting is a way of experiencing hunger and developing sympathy for the less fortunate, and learning to thank and appreciate all of God's bounties.

Who fasts in Ramadan?

Everybody fasts during Ramadan. Ill people and some travelers in certain conditions are exempted, but must make it up as they are able.

Another lesson learned during Ramadan is that fasting is a way of experiencing hunger and developing sympathy for the less fortunate, and learning to be thankful and appreciate all of God's blessings. They give contributions to those less fortunate, called the Zakat (One of the Five Pillars of Faith). Children do not fast during Ramadan until they become a

The Spirit of Ramadan

Five things can destroy the good that is acquired through the fast –

- ☐ The telling of a lie
- ☐ Slander
- ☐ Denouncing someone behind his or her back
- ☐ A false oath
- ☐ Greed or covetousness

These are considered offensive at all times, but are most offensive during the fast of Ramadan.

certain age. Presents are given to the children in the family on the last night of Ramadan during the Special Celebration Dinner.

The Sighting of the Moon

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar. The Islamic calendar is a lunar calendar. While many Muslim sects insist on the physical sighting of the moon, there is no such requirement in the Koran.

Dawn to Sunset

Fasting starts at the breaking of dawn and ends at the setting of the sun. During the daylight hours Muslims totally abstain from food, drink, smoking and sex. The usual practice is to have a pre-fast meal (suhour) before dawn and a post-fast meal (iftar) after sunset.

Devotion to God

During Ramadan, it is common for Muslims to go to the mosque and spend several hours praying and studying the Koran. In addition to the five daily prayers, during Ramadan, Muslims recite a special prayer called the Taraweeh prayer (Night Prayer). Some Muslims spend the entire night in prayer.

The last 10 days of Ramadan are a time of special spiritual power as everyone tries to come closer to God through devotions and good deeds, and is generally taken to be the 27th night of the month. That evening, Muslims celebrate the Laylat-al-Qadr (the Night of Power). It is believed that on this night Muhammad first received the revelation of the Holy Koran. According to the Koran, this is when God determines the course of the world for the following year.

The Qur'an states that this night is better than a thousand months. Therefore, many Muslims spend the entire night in prayer. Muslims try to read as much of the Koran as they can. Some spend part of their day listening to the recitation of the Koran in a mosque. Meet for Quranic studies or for congregation prayers. Others spend the last ten days of Ramadan in a mosque devoting the whole ten days for worshipping God.

Food in Ramadan

Muslims in many parts of the world prepare favorite foods during this month. Since Ramadan emphasizes community aspects and since everyone eats dinner at the same time, Muslims often invite one another to share in the Ramadan evening meal.

Some Muslims (Submitters) find that they eat less for dinner during Ramadan than at other times due to stomach contraction. However, most Muslims experience some fatigue during the day since the body becomes used to the altered routine during the first week of Ramadan.

When the fast ends (the first day of the month of Shawwal) it's celebrated for three days in a holiday called Id-al-Fitr. Friends and family gather to pray in congregation and large meals. In some cities, fairs are held to celebrate the end of Ramadan.

A-10's rally twice to ground 173rd HHC, 14-13

Story and photos by
Senior Airman Lee Smith
Editor

It ain't over 'til it's over.

The A-10 intramural softball team rallied twice to defeat the 173rd Headquarters Headquarters Company team, 14-13 in the championship game of the double elimination softball tournament Wednesday.

The first rally came after the 173rd took a 12-2 lead in the fourth inning.

The A-10s slowly chipped away, scoring twice in the bottom half of the fourth and fifth before taking the lead in the bottom of the sixth with seven runs.

And that's when the fun really began.

Down a run, and with two outs, the 173rd somehow pushed the tying run across the plate, forcing the A-10s to win the game in the bottom half of the inning or go to

extra innings.

The A-10s made their decision early.

The first batter of the bottom of the seventh inning, Brett Kemp, scorched a pitch into center field, past the 173rd outfield. He raced to second as they tried to relay the throw in to beat him; however, the ball skipped past the second baseman, as well as any other 173rd fielder, allowing Kemp to round third, score, and bring the A-10 team the title of best softball team at Kirkuk Air Base.

Bruce Case, coach of the 173rd, was still proud of his team performance.

"We made it to the championship game," he told his team after the game. "There are a bunch of teams who didn't have the opportunity to play for a championship today. We all had a great year, and it took a great effort to beat us."



A-10 pitcher Michael Patrick hurls to a 173rd HHC batter in the second inning.

Richard O'Connor, A-10 coach, said he realized that had they lost that game, a second game would have been necessary to decide the champion and he wanted to avoid that at all costs.

"We just needed to get hits and people on," O'Connor

said. "We knew if we started getting runners on that we would be able to come back and end it. If they had forced a second game, they would have had momentum from winning their first two games, and that would have been tough for us to overcome."



A-10 batter Mark Bolander prepares to hit a pitch.

Chapel Schedule

Friday

5 a.m., 7 p.m. -- Islamic prayer

Saturday

7 p.m. -- Catholic Mass

Sunday

8 a.m. -- Gospel Service

9 a.m. -- Catholic Mass (Sky Soldier chapel)

10 a.m. -- General Protestant

11:30 a.m. -- Catholic Mass

1 p.m. -- Latter-Day

Saints

2 p.m. -- Catholic Mass (Sky Soldiers Chapel)

7 p.m. -- Protestant Service

Tuesday

6:30 p.m. Growing as a Christian: Studying the Book of James

Wednesday

8 a.m. -- The Bible in Light of Current History and Local Events

5:30 p.m. -- Building Your Faith: Studying the

Book of Hebrews

Friday

9 a.m. Catholic Mass (Sky Soldier chapel)

All services are held at the Ten Days From Tomorrow Chapel unless otherwise noted. Times subject to change. Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist and others should contact chapel administration for updates of their religious requirements and support.

College Rankings

AP Top 25

Team	Previous
1. Oklahoma	1
2. Miami (FL)	2
3. Ohio State	4
4. Va. Tech	5
5. FSU	6
6. LSU	7
7. Tennessee	8
8. Arkansas	9
9. Michigan	11
10. USC	3
11. Georgia	12
12. Nebraska	15
13. Texas	14
14. Washington State	18
15. Pitt	17
16. K-State	16
17. No. Illinois	20
18. Washington	18
19. Oregon	10
20. TCU	19
21. Minnesota	24
22. Purdue	22
23. Iowa	13
24. Florida	25
25. Michigan State	--

Intramural Football

AFC

Team	W	L
1/508	2	0
173rd HHC	1	0
Blacksheep	1	0
Yard Dogs	1	0
173rd CSC	1	0
Warriors	1	1
Able Warlords	1	1
506th ESFS	0	1
223 ENG BN	0	1
506th ECES 1	0	1
506th ECS	0	1
Chosen Few	0	2

NFC

Team	W	L
HURON #2	2	0
Staffers	1	0
506th ESVS	1	0
B Co 2/2 INF	1	0
506th ECES 2	1	0
728th EACS	0	1
D Battalion, 315th AFAR	0	1
No Mercy	0	1
2/15, 10th Mtn	0	1
Outlaws	0	2

(Standings are current as of Thursday)

Scores and more

NFL Standings

AFC East		
Team	W	L
Miami	2	1
Buffalo	2	2
NE	2	2
NY Jets	0	4

North		
Team	W	L
Pittsburgh	2	2
Baltimore	2	2
Cincinnati	1	3
Cleveland	1	3

South		
Team	W	L
Indianapolis	4	0
Houston	2	2
Tennessee	2	2
Jacksonville	0	4

West		
Team	W	L
Denver	4	0
Kansas City	4	0
Oakland	2	2
San Diego	0	4

NFC East		
Team	W	L
Washington	3	1
NY Giants	2	1
Dallas	2	2
Philadelphia	1	2

North		
Team	W	L
Minnesota	4	0
Green Bay	2	2
Detroit	1	3
Chicago	0	4

South		
Team	W	L
Carolina	3	0
Tampa Bay	2	1
Atlanta	1	3
NO	1	3

West		
Team	W	L
Seattle	3	0
St Louis	3	1
San Fran	1	3
Arizona	1	3

NHL... Dany Heatley, the Most Valuable Player of the 2003 All-Star Game and forward of the Atlanta Thrashers, was injured in a car accident Tuesday. Heatley, along with teammate Dan Snyder, were hospitalized.

MLB ... Seattle general manager Pat Gillick resigned immediately after the end of the regular season.

NFL ... Daryl Boston, San Diego WR, returned after a one game suspension.

Commonly used phone numbers

ATOC	460-0038
BDOC	460-0960
Cantina.	460-0811
CC Supt. Section ...	460-0099
CE Cust. Serv.....	460-0058
Chaplain	460-0129
Command Chief	460-0052
Command Post.	460-0077
COMM Help Desk ...	460-0000
Contracting	460-0860
Dining Facility.....	460-0605
EMEDS.....	460-0802
EOD	460-0903
Fire Department ...	460-0030
Finance	460-0866
First Sergeant.....	460-0016
Fitness Center	460-0271
Force Protection....	460-0286
Latvians	460-0065
Legal	460-0117
Lodging	460-0806
Logistics Plans	460-0194
OSI	460-0326
PERSCO	460-0625/0627
Public Affairs	460-0131
Protocol.....	460-0260
Safety	460-0090
Supply	460-0039
TMO	460-0004

For a complete listing of agencies' telephone numbers, log onto <http://www.krab.aorcentaf.af.mil/Phonebooks.html> located on the Kirkuk Air Base Intranet.

Desert Fox Movies

The following movies are showing at the Desert Fox Movie Theater through Oct. 15. Movies are shown 24 hours a day on a rotating basis.

Today

- ☐ American Beauty
- ☐ It Runs in the Family
- ☐ The Hours

Saturday

- ☐ Monsters, Inc.
- ☐ Wrong Turn
- ☐ Planet of the Apes

Sunday

- ☐ The Outsiders
- ☐ Blow
- ☐ Basic

Monday

- ☐ Artificial Intelligence
- ☐ Peter Pan
- ☐ The Breaks

Tuesday

- ☐ Daddy Day Care
- ☐ What a Girl Wants
- ☐ Spies Like Us

Wednesday

- ☐ Agent Cody Banks
- ☐ Queen of the Damned
- ☐ Angel Eyes

Thursday

- ☐ Head of State
- ☐ The Pest
- ☐ Good Morning Vietnam

Oct. 10

- ☐ Charlie's Angels Full Throttle
- ☐ Osmosis Jones
- ☐ Windtalkers

Oct. 11

- ☐ The Core
- ☐ Charade
- ☐ Showtime

Oct. 12

- ☐ Proof of Life
- ☐ Atlantis
- ☐ Excalibur

Oct. 13

- ☐ Air Bud
- ☐ Down With Love
- ☐ Sweet Home Alabama

Oct. 14

- ☐ Daredevil
- ☐ Baby Boy
- ☐ A River Runs Through It

Oct. 15

- ☐ American Pie 2
- ☐ The Hunted
- ☐ The Lost Battalion

EOD Ordinance of the Week

PMN Anti-personnel Landmines- These are high explosive, anti-personnel landmines. They are 2.24 inches tall and 4.42 inches in diameter. These mines are easily setup with booby-traps and can be very sensitive to changes made around them. Personnel discovering these items



Courtesy photo

should never disturb or touch them. Mark the area IAW with the Airman's Manual, and contact EOD with the location and a point of contact.